

**Town of Webster  
Office of Select Board  
945 Battle Street  
Webster, NH 03303  
Final Minutes – June 6, 2016  
Approved July 5, 2016**

Staff Present: Bruce Johnson, Michael Borek, Nanci Schofield, Wendy Pinkham, Phil Mitchell, Therese Larson, Emmett Bean, Mary Smith and Leslie Palmer  
Energy Committee: Marty Bender, Jere Buckley, Patricia Ilacqua, Dee Blake, Ray Scott  
Public Present: Bob Pearson, Eric Shifflett

Chairman Johnson opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

The Board signed the following for Administrative Assistant Leslie Palmer:

- Selectman Borek moved to accept the 05/23/2016 Select Board minutes as written. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.
- Selectman Borek moved to accept the 05/23/2016 Select Board Non-Public minutes as written. Chairman Johnson seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

The Board signed the following for Land Use Coordinator Therese Larson:

- Land use Coordinator Larson presented two Land Use Change Tax Warrants for Select Board signature.

The Board signed the following for Financial Administrator Wendy Pinkham:

- The Select Board signed the payroll and accounts payable manifests.

Interim Police Chief Phil Mitchell presented or advised the Board of the following:

- 43 calls for service in the last two weeks.
- The Select Board approved a vacation request for Officer Shapiro.
- The annual DARE pancake breakfast raised \$505 to be used for the program.
- The Select Board signed PO #15 to Tritech for \$2,950 for software for the new tablets. Yearly maintenance will cost \$450, but is prorated this year.
- Interim Chief Mitchell will provide a firm quote for a generator contract to cover generator maintenance at the Public Safety Building at the next Select Board meeting.
- Police were called out twice in the last two weeks.

Fire Chief Emmett Bean presented or advised the Board of the following:

- 8 calls for service in the last two weeks; 73 calls year to date.
- Gordon Welch has volunteered his time to strip and wax the floors at the Fire Station.
- The ambulance will be sent to Arch Equipment for repairs on June 12<sup>th</sup>. It will be out of service for approximately three weeks.
- The clean-up and chipping of brush outside of the Fire Station continues.
- Fire Chief Bean reported that things are going well and that he is proud of his staff.

Road Agent Emmett Bean presented or advised the Board of the following:

- Chairman Johnson informed Road Agent Bean that he received word from a resident who expressed his appreciation for the Road Agent's visit to inform him of road postings while he was building his house.
- Ditching took place on Winnepocket Rd. and Call Rd. and grading continues.
- Road Agent Bean advised that he reviewed his Road Agent Contract and has a question for his attorney regarding the wording of one of the provisions. Once he hears back from the attorney and the language is finalized, he will come in to sign the contract.
- Safety concerns on Chadwick Hill Rd were discussed to be reviewed further at the next Select Board

meeting.

Treasurer Mary Smith presented or advised the Board of the following;

- Treasurer Smith has opened up a new checking account for the Old Home Day Committee.
- There is approximately \$3,500 in impact fees to be used for office related items, to be spent by December 31<sup>st</sup>. The Board will review potential options.

### **Public Hearing – Discretionary Preservation Easement**

At 7:00 PM, Chairman Johnson opened the Public Hearing to consider a Discretionary Preservation Easement renewal under RSA 79-D. Land use Coordinator Therese Larson provided background on the process and read the description of the barn provided by the owners, Elizabeth and Bob Pearson. Following discussion during the public comment section of the Hearing, the Select Board approved renewing the easement at the same percentage of 25% of assessed value.

**Board Motion:** Selectman Borek moved to qualify the barn as having “physical or aesthetic features” that “contribute to the historic or cultural integrity of the property listed...” as defined in RSA 79-D:3(c) and granted an easement at 25% of assessed value. Selectwoman Schofield seconded the motion. All in favor, the motion was approved.

### **Energy Committee – Solar Panel Presentation**

Marty Bender, Chairman of the Energy Committee, introduced members of the Committee as well as Eric Shifflett from Granite State Solar. Mr. Bender explained that the Committee had looked at several solar proposals and chose this option as the most viable solution. Mr. Shifflett provided the Board and the audience in attendance with plans and information for a solar array to be installed near the soccer field and river which would cover the electrical usage for the Town buildings. The array has a 25 year warranty, would take 4.9 years to pay for itself and has the potential to save the Town \$14,400 per year over 10 years. The Town will receive revenue from the sale of energy credits. Mr. Shifflett responded to safety concerns raised by the fire department and confirmed that there is very little toxic material, so toxicity in the event of a fire would not be an issue. In New Hampshire, solar companies need to comply with Rapid Shut Down laws so power cannot back feed. He recommended that the Town use CDFA financing for the purchase of the array. A meeting will be set up with the Board to discuss financing, net metering and state rebates, to be followed by a January Informational Meeting prior to the next Budget Hearing.

At 8:35 PM, Chairman Johnson requested to go into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 IIb, to discuss “the hiring of any person as a public employee.” Selectman Borek seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, Chairman Johnson – yes, Selectman Borek – yes, Selectwoman Schofield – yes.

A motion was made by Chairman Johnson to come out of Non-Public Session at 9:06 PM and Selectman Borek seconded. All in favor the motion was approved.

At 9:06 PM, Chairman Johnson made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Selectman Borek and approved.

*Respectfully Submitted, Leslie M. Palmer*